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## SUMMARY.

A tobacco war is raging between growers and dealers in Kentucky. After impudently the police and firemen, marked men fired several factories.

The houses of dealers were also fired on by the marauders. About 2,000,000 damage was done to various properties.

In the collision explosion in Virginia, a block of concrete weighing 1000 lbs. was hurled across a river, and embedded in a hill.

Owing to the blockage of the entrance, the ventilation was interrupted, and the smothered miners were smothering in a few minutes.

A hundred bodies have been recovered. Bodies more visible, but wreckage and debris prevented their recovery.

It is rumored that a thousand men were in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Soldiers have been sent to Nevada to keep order in 10,000 miners who are on strike. An attempt was made to dynamite the troop train.

A surplus of over 15 million pounds is shown in the revenue of the United States for the year.

In Natal it is reported that an Imperial numbering 10,000 is gathered near Durban's kraal at Umtata.

Nothing has been heard of the officers sent to arrest Dillman.

A painting by Vanduyck, valued at £20,000, has been stolen from the church at Notre Dame, Courtrai, Belgium.

At the benefit match to Alford Trot, the Middlesex professional cricketer, £200 was raised.

King Oscar of Sweden died quietly. The Crown Prince has succeeded him, with the title of Gustaf V.

An attempt was made to dynamite a train on which were the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal and his wife, on their way to Benares.

Although several sleepers were blown to fragments, the engines kept the rails, and nobody was hurt.

The position with regard to the Lithgow workmen is unchanged. The bank is now waiting for the Government to move again in the matter.

A deputization representing Lithgow interests waited on the Premier yesterday, and asked him to take action to counteract the loss of industry for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Wade said the Government would not be backward in trying to bring about a satisfactory settlement.

At a meeting of the employees of the Lithgow works yesterday, it was decided that all hands should work for a week without pay.

Subsequently the men met for the purpose of considering whether they would work a fortnight without pay, or a week without pay.

When it was pointed out that the workmen were in the possession of the bank, it was decided not to make the offer to Mr. Sandford.

Mr. A. Borchard has been appointed receiver for the bank at the Sandford works, Lithgow.

New South Wales was again outplayed by South Australia in the interstate cricket match yesterday.

The visitors continued their second innings and when stumps were drawn had lost five wickets for 55.

Client Hill made 94, Claxton 75, Dolling 61, and Wright 51.

The match between England and an Australian eleven at Sydney was abandoned yesterday on account of heavy rain.

The High Court of Australia yesterday upped two decisions of the Supreme Court, and confirmed another.

A verdict for the defendant was returned in the action taken by Mr. T. Hensley, M.L.A., to recover compensation for alleged defamation from Mr. W. J. Byles.

On the application of counsel for the plaintiff, a stay of proceedings was granted.

Yesterday Edward Kelly, president of the Sydney Wharf Laborers' Union, commenced an action against John Norton.

He claimed damages for an alleged libel published in "Truth."

In the Broken Hill district six hotels were wiped out by the special flooding court, while three others were damaged.

The other candidates were Aldermen T. H. Kelly and Morton, who were each defeated by 15 votes to 7.

John Brown, an inmate of the Liverpool Asylum, aged 119 years, died on Saturday afternoon.

He came to the State 87 years ago, and formerly belonged to the British navy.

The Legislative Assembly last night approved several proposals of the Public Works Committee.

These included railways from Lockhart to Clear Hills, from Narrabri to Peak Hill, and from Sydney to Murrumbidgee.

The House of Representatives considered the paper duties yesterday. Magazines and newspapers were exempted from the free list.

The Court appointed to arbitrate in the dispute between the colliery proprietors and miners was opened on Thursday.

The first question to be considered was that relating to the Hebburn colliery.

The Court, after hearing Mr. Lewis, the representatives' claims, adjourned till Thursday.

Albert Cotter, the N.S.W. cricketer, was fined £5, or a month's imprisonment, at Brisbane for assaulting a constable.

A second charge of assaulting another constable was withdrawn.

P. A. Connolly, a racehorse owner, commenced an action yesterday against the Perth "Sunday Times" for alleged libel.

The steamer Pineshire, with 160 emigrants for New Zealand, arrived at Sydney yesterday.

Captain J. Rosenthal, special pilot of the British-India E. M. S. ship, died suddenly at Thursday Island on Sunday.

It is expected that the contract with the five firms for the carriage of butter to England will be concluded on Thursday.

The Attorney-General proposes to fill the vacancy in the Arbitration Court during the absence of Judge Heydon by the appointment of another judge.

At the Melbourne wool sales yesterday, prices fell about a half-penny a pound.

In Adelaide yesterday wheat fell a further penny, being sold at 4s 4d bush.

A Chinese, while working in his garden at Migong on Sunday, was struck dead by lightning.

Yesterday 61 domestic servants, who are being brought out by the New South Wales Government, arrived at Melbourne.

Two men have been arrested at Broken Hill and charged with setting fire to the Silver Hill mine.

Mr. J. Keir Hardie, M.P., left Adelaide for Melbourne yesterday.

A freeman named Samuel Smith was committed for trial for the conspiracy to murder Charles Emmerson, quartermaster of the R.M.S. Oroya.

During the past few days severe thunderstorms have passed in many districts. Yesterday there was a heavy fall of rain at Moree.

The Queensland Turf Club's meeting was continued yesterday, when Tetpuha won the Queensland Cup.

The English mails by the R.M.S. Oroya will be delivered in Sydney to-morrow.

On the mining share market yesterday both silver and copper shares were dealt in at weak rates.

The shares claimed very little attention, whilst the amount of business done in gold shares was limited.

A good deal of business was done yesterday in the stock and share market at quotations showing little or no alteration.

At the Homebush stock sales yesterday sheep and lambs were a trade scarce.

Quotations for cattle fell to levels ruling at the close of last week, last week's phenomenal rise being lost.

At the Sydney wool sales yesterday late rates were well maintained. There was a good demand for good shorn fleeces.

Weather forecast: Thunderstorms in the south-east, rain in the north-west districts.

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proposal were again brought forward it

FEELING OF RELIEF.

LITHGOW, Mon.  
A feeling of intense relief was expressed

ter Glance to-day that the Premier  
O. Dine) had promised in reply to  
computations which waited upon him this  
to give the matter of relieving the  
at the stoppage of the ironworks further  
ation. Gloom had settled on the  
the stoppage of the whole of the  
sterday, and hundreds of men to-day  
dered aimlessly about the streets  
is expression of the Premier to give the  
er of consideration, and it is felt that  
the solution of the Newcastle difficulty  
und, it should not be impossible  
to remove the present difficulty  
a more cheerful life the evening than  
this morning.

ing preang, a motion was carried heartfelt sympathy with Mr. and promising him the best of good and in the hands of the late employer and him in the present critical time was also carried thanking Gowen and his party for their interest in the matter. Both resolutions were carried by wire this evening to Sydney.

## EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

WHEN OFFER TO WORK ONE WEEK WITHOUT PAY.

Mr. Sandford stated yesterday, in answer to a question, that he had been approached by some syndicates desirous of lifting the embargo on the export of the property, should be made to him. He had, how-

received one of the most gratifying expressions of the goodwill of his employees that he had ever fallen to the lot of any employer. It was subsequently gathered that there had been a mass meeting at Lithgow in the afternoon, and decided to offer to work for Mr. Ford for one week without pay. This demonstration is unparalleled in the commercial history of the State, and is an eloquent tribute to the popularity of their employer. Mr. Ford was deeply affected by the kindness and constancy of the proposal, but under the circumstances was unable to see how he could avail himself of the offer, feeling that he could already had an officer in possession of the mine, and he thought it was hardly worth his while to do anything to prevent anything of the kind from taking place at the mine.

The Lithgow operatives, however, had their meeting in the afternoon and reconsidered the question of working for a day without pay, on a resolution that they would do so for a fortnight without pay. It was pointed out that as the workers were in possession of the mortgage, and a similar scheme for carrying on work was not, it was not worth while at the present time making the offer to Mr. Sandford. The men had felt that it would benefit the employer they would have carried the decision practically unanimously.

The New South Wales Government has taken views with deep concern the fact of recently established iron industry at Wollongong having been closed down for the want of practical support, and at a meeting presided over by Mr. J. G. Farleigh (president) yesterday, carried the following resolution:—"That the Government be asked to reconsider the question with a view of confirming the proposals of the Premier, which, in the opinion of this council, is necessary for the permanent establishment of the great and important industry of iron production in the State." This resolution was yesterday presented to the Premier.

**CITY SYMPATHY.**  
Throughout the city mercantile community sympathy expressed for the ironmaster was remarkably hearty.

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**RECEIVER APPOINTED.**

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It was learned yesterday that Mr. A. Archard, who has lately been acting as

**THE "NEW PROCESS" COMPANY**  
CONSIDERING WHAT IT MAY DO  
A POSSIBLE OFFER.

the Moore-Baskett Direct Process Company, Limited, contemplated forming a syndicate to purchase the right and interest of the Sandford, Ltd., in the Lithgow Ironworks in view of the importance to this State of

Mr. J. Earle Hermann, manager of the firm named, was seen and made the following statement: The New South Wales and Steel Syndicate, which comprises members of influential people not only in this State but also in Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand, has seriously considered the propriety of consulting the services of Wm. Sandford, Limited, with reference to making an offer at this juncture for taking over the works, and combining them with the Moore-Heekett Process Company.

...are all very sorry to hear of Mr. ...  
...being in his present trouble, ...  
...we claim that our methods will ...  
...present methods in the manifestly ...  
...yet we should have been very ...  
...pleased to see that Mr. Sandiford

...industry had been crowded with much more especially if his efforts had accelerated the iron industry. Of course, as many people, we have to take advantage opportunity of doing business, and the best on the cards (that if nothing untoward appears during the next few days our situation will definitely come forward with our

Mr. Haddock will succeed in securing his financial arrangements with the bank and the Government, and work will continue to operate.

We would have a very damaging effect upon the steel industry if we were not home that the picture was on a stronger basis than it has been.

because I am saying that with the more readjusting firms in Lombard-street. It is very damaging 'if it were cabled to the various centres in Europe that the firm had started steel works on a practical scale in India had resulted in a disastrous failure due to its financial constraints.

New Iron and Steel Syndicate could  
 be gained by pursuing the subject any further  
 because it does not yet know its own  
 take over what is for Australia a  
 concern; but it is understood that if  
 Sandford venture should fall into its  
 the projected works at Rylstone may ne  
 proceeded with, but all the energies of

whether the new syndicate could obtain government contracts is a matter that never to be ascertained, but if it could, its ability to turn out the required quantities of iron and steel under the new process it would go a great way toward making a world-wide success of the venture which it has taken in hand. The success of the new process would mean the

the course, for instance, across the  
ills already in operation, because its ap  
methods refer only to the production of  
whether it be in the shape of what is  
only known as wrought iron, or steel  
process, eliminating from the work  
necessity of first producing pig iron, re  
g it to form either the wrought iron  
eel. To put the merits of metal inte

proper shape for the trade, it would be un-  
likely to utilize the rolling mills, and in  
existing in existence at Lithgow and in work-  
shop, great delays could be obviated if  
material could be secured. However, ex-  
isting as yet is in a condition of uncertainty  
and the public will have to wait for a  
before it can obtain further information.

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.**

Sir,—The sympathy of the people of South Wales is most assuredly with Sandwits, and particularly with Mr. Widdford, in the present serious crisis now overtaken the great enterprises at work. This fact, Sir, I can say a very

in contact with all classes and sections of the community, and right through the centres of population in the State. I make a special plea for the company of a woman, nor for Mr. Sandford personally, but for nothing of them except through the public press. I have, however, followed the deepest interest the splendid and untiring

...the great iron industry upon an im-  
possible basis in New South Wales. It is the  
...with the sincerest sentiment of re-  
...that I am compelled to know that Sand-  
...mitted—and particularly William Sand-  
...may have to go under after their pro-  
...struggle with adverse circumstances.  
...the frequent reward of the pioneer.

...cows—another reaps." The har-

ola news-page?



















